

# News Release

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## Local Students in the Top Ten in State Envirothon

The Jaguars Envirothon Team from Jacobs Fork Middle School and the Grandview Eagles Envirothon team from Grandview Middle School participated in the NC State Envirothon Competition on April 22-23, 2005, at Cedarrock Park in Alamance County. The Jaguars placed FOURTH and the Eagles placed SIXTH in a field of 52 teams. Before arriving at the state competition, the Jacobs Fork Jaguars placed first and the Grandview Eagles students had placed fourth at the Area competition in North Wilkesboro.

Jaguars team members include: Samantha Craig, Joshua Martin, Victoria Ott, Craig Watts, Hunter Whittington and Roger Yang. Their advisors are Barbara Arndt, Miriam Butts, Tom Gould, Mary Phillips, Lee Robbins and Beth Roland.

Eagles team members include: Ryan Richardson, Sara Phillips, Dorothy Hart, Rachel Harris, and Sebastian Sigmon. Their advisors are Diane Owens and Mary Ann Upton.

The Envirothon is a hands-on environmental education program for teams of both high school and middle school students. It is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Division of Soil & Water Conservation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

These students study soils, forest resources, aquatic resources, wildlife and current environmental issues during the entire school year. They go on field trips, have resource speakers give presentations, and study the Envirothon resource materials with their advisor.

The top seven teams on the regional level go on to compete at the state Envirothon. The high school winner at the state level advances to the International Envirothon sponsored by the Canon Corporation. The International event will be held July 18-24, 2005, at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.